

IN THE
INDIANA TAX COURT

NO.49T10-9309-TA-70

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, <i>et al.</i> ,)
)
Petitioners,)
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v.)
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STATE BOARD OF TAX)
COMMISSIONERS,)
)
Respondents.)

**STATE BOARD'S
EIGHTH MONTHLY REPORT**

This is the State Board of Tax Commissioners' eighth monthly report under the Court's order dated May 31, 2000, 729 N.E.2d 242, 247. The report explains the State Board's activities during January 2001 to implement the Court's order. An outline of these activities is included as Exhibit A.

Overall Schedule

The State Board's First Monthly Report contained a proposed schedule for adopting a new assessment rule consistent with the Court's order. The Board's activities during January 2001 are in accordance with that schedule, and the State Board expects to maintain that schedule and meet the deadlines within it.

Work with Assessors

The Assessor Advisory Committee met on January 11 and reviewed the three alternative rule proposals. The Committee provided the State Board with feedback its members had received on the alternatives. The State Board also briefed the Committee on developments regarding other proposed rules relevant to the General Reassessment and certain legislative proposals.

The Board Chairman and several other State Board staff attended the Township/County Assessors' Conference on January 31, made themselves available informally to answer questions, and participated in a question-and-answer session at the end of the conference.

Rule Development

On January 30, the State Board conducted a four-hour public hearing on the proposed assessment manual alternatives at the Indiana Government Center South Conference Center Auditorium. Twenty-five sets of interested Parties spoke at the hearing, 18 sets of written comments were submitted before the hearing, and 27 additional sets of comments were submitted during or after the hearing. A complete set of speakers and commenters is attached to this Monthly Report. The State Board will continue to receive comments until February 13.

Training

Late in January, the State Board conducted new official training classes for newly elected assessing officials. A Board staff member also

taught valuation classes at the Township/County Assessors' Association Conference on January 31.

The State Board also developed materials for continuing education classes to be held at 15 locations around the State in February .

Software

State Board personnel continued their regular meetings with the primary software vendor in the State to keep the vendor abreast of developments.

To clarify the Seventh Monthly Report, regular contacts between the State Board and the primary software vendor in December 2000 were all by telephone rather than an in-person meeting.

Other consultations

During December, various State Board officials met with the Commissioners' Farm Advisory Group and representatives of the Indiana Manufacturers Association.

Statutory issues

In the First Monthly Report, the State Board identified statutes with which it will be unable to comply under the timetable for promulgating a new assessment rule. During January 2001, the State Board has identified no additional provisions with which it will be unable to comply.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Laramore", written over a horizontal line.

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